

TONIGHT'S COWBOYS RANGELAND DERBY

DAY NINE | SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023



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A CENTURY OF CHUCKWAGONS

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CHUCKWAGON
DID YOU KNOW FACTS

The sport of Chuckwagon Racing made its debut at the 1923 Calgary Stampede

Early races included a race around the track, but the winner was the first to start a fire once across the finish line

The Calgary Stampede Fitness to Compete program is an industry leading animal care program created to ensure only the fittest and healthiest animals participate

All chuckwagon horses receive a full veterinary inspection upon arrival at Stampede Park, and each night prior to racing

The Fitness to Compete program was the first of its kind to be developed and set industry standards used today across associations

All horses are microchipped to identify them easily and track their care, rest days and other important data

Drivers range in age from their 20's to their 60's

Chuckwagon Racing is very much a family affair. Some drivers competing today have family history in the sport that spans four generations.

There are multiple sets of brothers competing in the 2023 Rangeland Derby as well as a father/son pair, and cousins.



Cowboys is a proud sponsor of the 2023 Calgary Stampede

Get ready to witness one of the Calgary Stampede's most thrilling, adrenaline pumping highlights - the Cowboys Rangeland Derby Chuckwagon Races!

Commemorating 100 years of horsepower and history in 2023, we celebrate more than the iconic sport of Chuckwagon Racing. We're marking 100 years of thundering hooves and roaring crowds. Of heritage, spirit, and excitement - and we invite you to join us!

The world's first Chuckwagon Race was staged here at the Calgary Stampede in 1923. A true throwback to the wild west, the event was inspired by the tradition of cowboys breaking camp and racing home, and while some of the rules have since changed, the rush has never left. It's an event rooted in our history and a testament to the union between horse and driver - and it's part of our shared legacy.

Today's Chuckwagon Races are even more exciting and intense. When the dust settles on the track one team emerges victorious. The 2023 chuckwagon purse holds \$1.07 million to be claimed over the ten days. The Calgary Stampede salutes Cowboys as the proud sponsor of the Cowboys Rangeland Derby.

Although the fastest wagon crosses the finish line first, there's a lot more to contend with before a winner can be declared. Each driver must be fully versed in the rules so as not to incur any penalties or fines before, during or after the race.

A penalty consists of precious seconds and the loss of this time could mean missed opportunities. A clean driving record also means cashing in! The 12 drivers with the least number of penalties in the standings after 10 nights of racing will earn a share of \$136 thousand dollars, as part of the Safety Awards.

By avoiding penalties and placing in the top times each day, drivers have the chance to race in the championship heat, where the victor claims \$50,000 and a new GMC truck, not to mention bragging rights.

Today's results are available at calgarystampede.com



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Heat	Barrel	Letter	Advertiser/Driver	Time To Date	Tonight's Time	Total Time
1	1	B	EllisDon / Chance Bensmiller	9:56.45		
	2	L	VisitLethbridge.com / Doug Irvine	9:50.77		
	3	T	Dreamcatcher Log Homes / Cody Ridsdale	10:03.35		
2	1	S	Semerra / Vern Nolin	9:54.76		
	2	I	Tronic Data Inc. / Jordie Fike	9:54.41		
	3	V	De Havilland Aircraft / Evan Salmond	9:48.38		
3	1	E	Custom Truck / Troy Dorchester	9:47.93		
	2	A	CEAT Speciality Group / Todd Baptiste	10:05.08		
	3	U	Zero Hungry Kids / Danny Ringuette	10:00.69		
4	1	K	Birchcliff Energy / Jason Glass	9:43.83		
	2	F	Northback / Dallas Dyck	9:56.78		
	3	G	Meguini Enterprises / Preston Faithful	9:49.47		
5	1	M	MobSquad / Ross Knight	9:38.52		
	2	X	Shaw GMC / Kirk Sutherland	9:44.73		
	3	J	Aveva / Darcy Flad	9:39.28		
6	1	W	De Havilland Aircraft / Wade Salmond	9:51.21		
	2	Y	Pidherney's / Mark Sutherland	9:39.07		
	3	Z	Cross Country Canada Supplies and Rental / Mitch Sutherland	9:51.95		
7	1	P	Western Electrical Management / Codey McCurrach	9:43.72		
	2	Q	Graf Mechanical / Kris Molle	N.T.		
	3	D	LB Energy Services / Rae Croteau Jr.	9:42.23		
8	1	N	Cowboys Music Festival / Jamie Laboucane	9:46.00		
	2	O	Spray Lake Sawmills / Layne MacGillivray	9:35.42		
	3	R	Shel-Bar Electronic Industries / Obrey Motowylo	9:41.60		
9	1	H	Summit Fleet / Chad Fike	9:41.06		
	2	C	Grey Eagle Resort & Casino / Kurt Bensmiller	9:32.31		
	3	AA	KMA / Chanse Vigen	9:35.78		

RELAY RACES

The ATCO Championship Chuckwagon Trophy Brought to you by ATCO

A bronze trophy by Jay Contway of Great Falls, Montana, is presented to the Calgary Stampede Champion – the winner of the Final Heat of the 2023 Cowboys Rangeland Derby. ATCO, the Calgary Stampede's longest ongoing Chuckwagon partner, has sponsored the award for 80 years and donates the trophy.

Calgary Stampede Champion Driver Brought to you by GMC

The Champion Driver receives a 2024 Sierra 2500 Denali Ultimate provided by GMC.

The ATCO Outrider Award Brought to you by ATCO

Each outrider with the champion wagon receives an individual trophy by Jay Contway of Great Falls, Montana, donated by ATCO.

Outstanding Outrider Award Brought to you by Smithbilt Hats

The Outstanding Outrider Award is presented to the outrider with the most points accumulated over the first nine days of racing. The winner receives a bronze trophy by Crystal Mossing of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta and a cash award of \$2,000. The next two outriders in the standings will receive \$1,000 each.

Orville Strandquist Memorial Rookie Driver Award

The Orville Strandquist Memorial Rookie Driver Award is awarded to a driver with the fastest total running time (including penalties) in his first year driving in the Derby after 10 nights of racing. A cash bonus will be awarded to the winner.

Equine Athlete of Excellence Award

The Equine Athlete of Excellence Award is given to six superb equine athletes with a demonstrated excellence in performance, partnership, and team pride. Using a points system, one horse in each of the four positions on the wagon and two outriding horses will be selected and presented with Trophy Halters.

The Safety Award and Richard Cosgrave Memorial Award

Brought to you by Nova Chemicals

This bronze trophy by Don Toney of Lethbridge, Alberta, is presented to the Safety winner – the driver with the fewest penalties and fastest cumulative running time for the 10 days of Stampede. This award is generously provided by NOVA Chemicals.

The 12 drivers with the fewest penalties over 10 days will share in bonus money of \$136,000.

Hottest Heat of the Night Brought to you by Cisco

Each night of racing the driver with the fastest time is awarded a small bronze by Don Toney of Lethbridge, Alberta.



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